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The light of the body is the eye,
thy whole body (politic)

"I am the Lord your God which have



if therefore thine eye be single
shall be full of light.

CHRIST JESUS

separated you from other people"

Leviticus 20-24

"NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM"

A NEW ORDER OF AGES IS BORN - A NEW OFFSPRING IS LET DOWN FROM LOFTY HEAVEN -
THE COMING MAN IN WHOM THE IRON AGE ENDS AND THE GOLDEN AGE ARISES IN THE WHOLE EARTH



MANASSEH

BROTHERS

EPHRAIM

JONATHAN AND JOHN

"I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God." *Mary Baker Eddy.*

Hail, brother! fling thy banner Brave Britain, blest America!

To the billows and the breeze; Unite your battle plan;

We proffer thee warm welcome Victorious all who live it, -

With our hand, though not our knees. The love for God and man. *Mary Baker Eddy*

ONE GOD ONE LAW
DIVINE DEMOCRACY UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

The above shield, or escutcheon, arranged by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, has been upon the façade of her house since the summer of 1917.

Definition of Shield: "The escutcheon upon which emblems of heraldry [spiritual] are depicted" (Standard Dictionary).

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Foreword

The ages will outgrow symbols and will "look upon" man in God's image, the Christ (Truth) man, and will be "lifted up" to see the source and supply of their being, our Father-Mother God,—Mind, Spirit.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.—Christ Jesus. (John 12:32.)

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."
(Exodus, 20, 3.)

. . . The divine Principle of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfills the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself"; annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry,—whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed. (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by MARY BAKER EDDY, p. 340.)

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A remarkable and divinely inspired editorial, entitled "Our Fathers' Flag," appeared in the *Sun and New York Herald* of June 14, 1920. It opens by calling attention to the fact, that July 4, 1920, is the 144th anniversary of our independence, and states, that

Amid the crashing of thrones and the transformation of states, it [the flag] remains the same. It is now a beacon of hope for the world, and a life-giving power to nations, old and new. . . . If we Americans, like our fathers, reject utterly the dictum of Europeans, steeped in the traditions of feudalism and kingcraft, that "all flag devising should be in accordance with heraldic laws," it is because we know our own history. . . . Our

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fathers knew what they were doing and they did it wisely, even as the seal of time, set upon their action, shows. No form of words, even of sacred ritual, was more carefully watched and guarded for the final record: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." . . . Contrast Old World flag lore and language and that of Independence Hall. The difference discovered is like that between a roving planet and a fixed star. The one reflects borrowed light. The other gives, but borrows none.

The editorial closes, by voicing the world-wide yearning, that a leader should be raised up, who will *complete* the great work which was *begun* by the pioneers of America, *continued* at the birth of our Republic and which *rose* to its *height* of *achievement* by the establishment of the Union in 1865. America, in her conception, birth and unfoldment, is the highest national symbolic ideal the world has ever known. America was *founded* on *spiritual* aspirations, *de-*

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veloped by *spiritual* conviction, and will *continue* to *exist* and *advance* under the leadership of *spiritual* ideals. America's imperishable covenants, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Monroe Doctrine, came forth under divine impulsion, and are under the protection of divine Providence, to whom recognition is given throughout their pages. Her immortal *sovereignty* of *spiritual dominion* was founded upon the rock, Christ, Truth. "It shall endure."

The word "nation" comes from a root, meaning, "I am born." As we rise spiritually, symbols disappear, and the substance, or spiritual reality of all things appears. Abraham Lincoln put the last stone in the great constructive building, which we may call, America *militant*. His words, "This nation, *under God*, shall have a new birth of freedom,—government *of the people*, *by the people*, *for the people* shall not perish from

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the earth," came forth in *spiritual law* and order, as a second and final trumpet call,—the first of which was sounded by Washington, when he said to the makers of the Constitution, "Let us raise a standard, to which the wise and honest can repair; the event is in the hands of God."

This immortal demand, uttered by the father of our nation against the insistence upon certain fallacies being written in the Constitution, followed upon Franklin's earnest appeal, that the framers of the Constitution "invoke the divine guidance of the Father of Light upon our proceedings," and he (Franklin) added,

The longer I live, and the more I know, the more I believe that God governs in the affairs of men, and, if the *sparrow* cannot fall without His notice, is it probable that an empire can *rise* without His assistance? "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this, and I also believe, that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in our political building no better than the builders of Babel.

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From that moment the makers of America knelt in childlike humility, and asked God's direction in all their activities. The result was, is, and *will continue* to be the Constitution of the United States, under the law of God.

Washington's burning desire for an individual, national and ever-uplifted standard of purity of purpose, which our Stars and Stripes typify, namely truth, justice, righteousness, liberty, upon which America was founded—this desire, or prayer, of Washington, was answered by Lincoln's prophetic utterance that, "*under God*," the standard of truth, justice, righteousness, liberty, would continue to rise till Truth should declare Her triumph over all error. Under God, America shall continue to progress *spiritually* until she attains maturity and the *law of God is revealed, acknowledged and established*, namely, "one God, one law, divine democracy, universal brotherhood."

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“Under God,” America *continues* to demand obedience to the law of truth, justice, righteousness, and liberty.

“Truth’s mighty arguments are rolling down
From inland mountain to seaboard town.”

The demands of God are being recognized and immutable Truth is compelling humanity to accept and obey her mandates. Abraham Lincoln spoke the last word to be spoken through man, in that hour. He struck the last note in the Liberty Bell of America *militant*. A *new tone*, in divine order, was sounding faintly, and the listening ear caught the harmony, the promise of a *triumphant America*.

Names are of deep significance. Abraham, to whom God gave His covenant, typifies America’s history and parental mission among the nations.

. . . the Lord . . . said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land [spiritual under-

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standing] that I will show thee: . . . I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great.¹

Abraham's immediate obedience to the divine command,—his willingness to sacrifice himself for the fulfillment of God's purpose, brought him his God-given mission and "covenant."

. . . I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly . . . thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee . . . I will *establish* my covenant between me and thee and thy seed . . . for an *everlasting covenant*.²

When Abraham's sublime test came, and Isaac his first-born of spirit was laid on the altar,

. . . the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham the second time, and said . . . in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy

¹ Genesis 12:1-3.

² *Ibid.*, 17:2-7.

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seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.¹

What picture have we in all biblical history, more tenderly and profoundly significant, than this of the little lad of Israel, Isaac, obeying with childlike faith, the words of Abraham, his father, as he (Isaac) brought to the altar the wood, which was to kindle the sacrificial flames. Abraham, with the same childlike trust, had obeyed *his* Father—God—and laid his all—sacrificed himself—his false or material senses—in the consuming fires of omnipotent Truth and Love.

The “covenant” made with Abraham is spoken of in every great event in the history of the house of Israel, and the radiant “bow of promise” given to Noah, in token of his obedience to the divine demand to “build an ark,” was its precedent. Moses constantly

¹ Genesis 22: 15, 17, 18.

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held the "covenant" before the children of Israel. His command to Israel applies to America:

Now therefore, hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. . . . For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? . . . He declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform.¹

The "separateness" of America is the foundation-stone of *her* "covenant" with God. In Moses' song we read:

The Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance . . . he led him . . . he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings; so the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.²

¹ Deuteronomy 4: 1, 7, 8, 13.

² *Ibid.*, 32: 9-12.

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David, in his song of thanksgiving before the ark, sings:

Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; and hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.¹

Isaiah emphasizes the "covenant" by constant repetition, as well as Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Haggai, and other of the prophets. Mary and Elizabeth sang of it in the Galilean hills. Jesus used it as a refutation of mortality (material generation). To the resistent Sadducees, who were questioning him about the resurrection, Jesus said:

Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. . . . As touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.²

¹ I Chronicles 16: 15-17.

² Matthew 22: 29, 31, 32.

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Stephen began his defense before the Sanhedrin, by holding before his accusers the glory of the "covenant." Paul uses Abraham as his highest exemplar of faith in "*keeping the covenant.*"

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.¹

But Paul also speaks of a "new covenant," in relating Abraham's experience with Melchizedek, "to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all." This "king of peace" was

Without [material] father, without [material] mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God.²

God is the only Creator of man, whom He (God) made spiritual, like Himself, and whom He governs through His law of eternal life and love.

God is . . . Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.³

¹ Hebrews 11: 10.

² *Ibid.*, 7: 3.

³ John 4: 24.

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There is no other God, no other man, for God is all, and man is made in His image, and governed by His law of life and love.

The following sentence also appears in the editorial, previously referred to, in the *Sun and New York Herald*:

The Almighty had pointed the everlasting stars in the skies to Abraham, as the symbols of prophecy and increase; and our fathers read their Bibles.

On April 9, 1865, Abraham Lincoln called his Cabinet together to announce the end of strife at that hour, and the safety of the Union. Those assembled knelt humbly and gave thanks to God. Lincoln was hailed as a liberator. From his great heart welled the Christly qualities of tenderness, compassion, "malice toward none, charity toward all." America *militant* had reached the limit of her power, and the "covenant," which God established with Abraham, awaited revelation. This "covenant" is the immutable fact, that man is mental,

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spiritual, deathless, indestructible, a reflector and emanation of Principle, Life, and Love; a child of our Father-Mother God, eternally co-existent with his Maker. Lincoln's prophecy, "This nation, under God, shall have *a new birth* of freedom," was approaching fulfillment. The *new* "covenant," found in the promised land of infinite Life and Love, which America typifies, was being unfolded to the hungry, awakened "little ones of the new era," who were being gently, perhaps unknowingly, led to

Mount Zion¹ and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.²

The angelic choir was heard by them, the "little ones of the new era," chanting the anthem of immortality, peace on earth, good will (God's will) to men, and above all,

¹ Definition of Zion: Spiritual foundation and superstructure; inspiration; spiritual strength.—*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 599.

² Hebrews 12:22.

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the listening ear caught the assuring prophecy and promise,

The government shall be upon his [Christ's] shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.¹

At this moment of spiritual unfoldment and revelation, under divine law and order, a woman, known to human apprehension as Mary Baker Eddy, but spiritually endowed to interpret the law of omnipotent Life and Love, Spirit, God, sounded the clarion call of spiritual emancipation, when in 1866 she discovered and founded Christian Science. This divinely inspired woman came forth, in meekness and *spiritual might*, claiming her royal prerogative to voice the word of God to humanity, and, as God's child, to represent her Creator, and thus to rise to her divine mission of fulfilling the law of Love, which conquers fear and death. Like her

¹ Isaiah 9: 6.

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Master, Christ Jesus, she will finally make a demonstration of her teaching, "There is no death" ¹ At that psychological moment, 1866, under the omni-active law of God and His Christ, America *triumphant* was born, and the foundation-stone in the "house [nation] not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," ² was laid.

The stone which the builders rejected has [had] become the head of the corner. ³

To those who had the prophetic vision, the spiritual nation, the spiritual structure, or Church triumphant, began its unfoldment. Mrs. Eddy gives the spiritual definition of Church as "the structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle." ⁴ Again she says, "Evidences of progress and spiritualization greet us on every hand." ⁵ Of this *third* stage of unfold-

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 427.

² II Corinthians 5: 1.

³ Mark 12: 10.

⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 583.

⁵ *Science and Health*, p. 158.

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ment, or *fourth* in the fullness of appearing, as symbolically expressed by the pioneer work of the Virginia colonists and the Pilgrims, by the birth of the Republic, by the abolition of physical slavery, and by the discovery of Christian Science, the Science of being, Mrs. Eddy says:

I saw before me the sick, wearing out years of servitude to an unreal master, in the belief that the body governed them, rather than Mind.

The lame, the deaf, the dumb, the blind, the sick, the sensual, the sinner, I wished to save from the slavery of their own beliefs and from the educational systems of the Pharaohs, who to-day, as of yore, hold the children of Israel in bondage. I saw before me the awful conflict, the Red Sea and the wilderness; but I pressed on through faith in God, trusting Truth, the strong deliverer, to guide me into the land of Christian Science, where fetters fall and the rights of man are fully known and acknowledged.¹

The Bible has inspired every symbol, which represents America. As under the law of God, humanity rises spiritually,

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 226.

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Christ, Truth, *removes* the symbols, and *reveals* the radiant reality. Jefferson and Franklin proposed as an original design for the Seal of the United States, the Children of Israel in the wilderness. Franklin's notes read thus:

Moses standing on the Shore, and extending his Hand over the Sea, thereby causing the same to overwhelm Pharaoh who is sitting in an open Chariot, a Crown on his Head and Sword in his Hand. Rays from a Pillar of Fire in the Clouds reaching to Moses to express that he acts by Command of the Deity.

Motto: Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God.

The reason given for the rejection of this design was on account of its heraldic complications. Mrs. Eddy further says:

God has built a higher platform of human rights, and He has built it on diviner claims. These claims are not made through code or creed, but in demonstration of "on earth peace, good-will toward men." Human codes, scholastic theology, material medicine, and hygiene, fetter faith and spiritual

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understanding. Divine Science rends asunder these fetters, and man's birthright of sole allegiance to his Maker asserts itself.¹

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking. A few immortal sentences, breathing the omnipotence of divine justice, have been potent to break despotic fetters and abolish the whipping-post and slave market; but oppression neither went down in blood, nor did the breath of freedom come from the cannon's mouth. Love is the liberator.

Legally to abolish unpaid servitude in the United States was hard; but the abolition of mental slavery is a more difficult task. The despotic tendencies, inherent in mortal mind and always germinating in new forms of tyranny, must be rooted out through the action of the divine Mind.

Men and women of all climes and races are still in bondage to material sense, ignorant how to obtain their freedom. The rights of man were vindicated in a single section and on the lowest plane of human life, when African slavery was abolished in our land. That was only prophetic of further steps towards the banishment of a world-wide slavery, found on higher planes of existence and under more subtle and depraving forms.²

Slavery is not the legitimate state of man. God

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 226.

² *Ibid.*, pp. 225-6.

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made man free. Paul said, "I was free born." All men should be free. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Love and Truth make free, but evil and error lead into captivity.

Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and cries: "Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!" Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the "glorious liberty of the children of God," and be free! This is your divine right. The illusion of material sense, not divine law, has bound you, entangled your free limbs, crippled your capacities, enfeebled your body, and defaced the tablet of your being.¹

In divine order, the spiritual standard of Washington and Lincoln has asserted its prerogative, "under God," to rule America in righteousness, and the people are *destined* to *accept* and be *governed* by this *standard*. The platform admits of no compromise. In 1866, Mary Baker Eddy discovered and founded the Science of being, and finally proclaimed to longing humanity, Christ's method of emancipation from materiality, sin, sickness, and death, in the following

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 227.

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words: "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*. There is no matter."¹ This was the quickening call,—the "fixed star," which blazed forth with full radiance, and which Mrs. Eddy describes in the following verse:

Thou gentle beam of living Love,
And deathless Life!
Truth infinite,—so far above
All mortal strife.

The star of Bethlehem is the light of all ages—is the light of Love, to-day christening religion undefiled, divine Science; giving to it a new name, and the white stone in token of purity and permanence.²

A special despatch from Boston to the *New York Tribune* of June 20, 1920, announces that "Harvard astronomers are watching with keen interest an event that occurred more than two hundred thousand years ago. A celestial conflagration that took place so far away from earth that the light rays are just reaching here."

¹ *Miscellany*, by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 357.

² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 320.

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The attention of the Harvard scientists was attracted to the matter by a message from the Lick Observatory in California, which states that the new blue-white eagle star (Nova Aquila), which appeared two years ago in the constellation known as Aquila (eagle), is increasing in diameter, is reappearing in increased radiance. The illumination and speed of the light (186,000 miles a second) is incomprehensible to finite sense. Immediately after the transmission of the message, the press stated that "California is shaken by a series of earthquake shocks."

All phenomena are the expression of thought. Spiritual thought expresses spiritual phenomena, the "love, joy, peace of the Holy Spirit."¹ Material thought is manifest in the phenomena of sin, sickness, and death.

"To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."²

¹ Galatians 5: 22.

² Romans 8: 6.

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To those who are reading the signs of the times, this *second* appearing of the eagle star and the attendant earthquakes, portend the imminent revelation of a great influx of spiritual light, which will once more produce the experience, precedent to the resurrection, as recorded by Matthew:

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.¹

The martyrdom of Jesus was the culminating sin of Pharisaism. It rent the veil of the temple. It revealed the false foundations and superstructures of superficial religion, tore from bigotry and superstition their coverings, and opened the sepulchre with divine Science,—immortality and Love.²

These phenomena will not be understood by those who remain in the material senses,—who are overtaken while “eating and drinking

¹ Matthew 27: 51-53.

² *Science and Health*, p. 597, excerpt from definition of “veil.”

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with the drunken," who are asleep in the darkness of belief of life, truth, intelligence, and substance in matter and who are drunk with pride of place and power, greed, hypocrisy, fear, and the qualities of the carnal mind, with its resultant phenomenon,—death.

Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes. . . . And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed. . . . Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.¹

Mrs. Eddy says, "Every object in material thought will be destroyed."² **By** those

¹ Isaiah 29: 9-11, 13, 14.

² *Science and Health*, p. 267.

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who will be found thinking materially,—putting their trust in material man, material government, and a material universe, the phenomena recorded by John the Revelator will be experienced.

And, lo, there was a great earthquake And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains . . . hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?¹

I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.²

And they [the opposers of Christ] shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord,—[Christ, at his second coming], and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.³

¹ Revelation 6: 12, 14-17.

² Ezekiel 21: 27.

³ Isaiah 2: 19.

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To genuine Christian Scientists who are building on a "wholly spiritual foundation"¹ and demonstrating the life and teachings of Christ Jesus, viz.,—the power of *spiritual understanding*, the second coming of Christ is imminent. Referring to the opposition which Christian Scientists meet from the materially minded, Mrs. Eddy says:

If one would not quarrel with his fellow-man for waking him from a cataleptic nightmare, he should not resist Truth, which banishes—yea, forever destroys with the higher testimony of Spirit—the so-called evidence of matter.²

The government was, is, and forever will be, upon the shoulder of Christ, the ideal man, the son of the living God, who is the creator of spiritual man and the spiritual universe; and there is no other God. There is no other man and no other universe, since there is but one God, eternal Life and Love, who is *over* all, and *in* all, that is real and eternal.

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 357.

² *Science and Health*, p. 128.

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This infinite logic is the infinite light—uncomprehended,—yet forever giving forth more light, because it has no darkness to emit.¹

America, America, thou gavest birth
To light that lighteth all the earth.

God keep it pure!

We love that onward leading light;

We will defend it with our might;

It shall endure!²

There would be opportunity for dwelling at length upon Mary Baker Eddy's constant reference, throughout her writings, to her full realization of the significance—in type—of the history of America, with the discovery of Christian Science. She quotes the words and deeds of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, and others, to illustrate vital metaphysical points, and rings out her pure Americanism in these words:

I believe strictly in the Monroe Doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God.³

¹ *No and Yes*, by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 16.

² From the National Anthem *Our America*. Words by Alice Morgan Harrison, music by Augusta E. Stetson. Published

³ *Miscellany*, p. 282. by G. Schirmer, New York

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And again, of February 22, Washington's birthday, in connection with an event of Christian Science record, Mrs. Eddy says:

Memorable date, all unthought of till the day had passed! Then we beheld the omen,—religious liberty—the Father of the universe and the father of our nation in concurrence.¹

And again she states:

Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence. God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience.²

In *Pulpit and Press*, by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 67, we read:

It was exactly one hundred years ago from the date of the Declaration of Independence, when on July 4, 1876, the first Christian Science Association was organized by seven persons, of whom the foremost was Mrs. Eddy.

Of her "little church in the wilderness" is recorded:

As the Pilgrims felt the strangeness of their new

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 148.

² *Science and Health*, p. 106.

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home, the vast gloom of the mysterious forests, and knew not the trials before them, so this little band of pioneers, guided by their dauntless Leader and teacher, starting out on their labors against the currents of dogma, creed, sickness, and sin, must have felt a peculiar sense of isolation. . . . This was indeed the little church in the wilderness, and few knew of its teachings, but those few saw the grandeur of its work, and were willing to labor for the Cause.¹

In *Miscellaneous Writings*,² Mrs. Eddy records her divine perception of the American and Christian idea:

The day we celebrate reminds us of the heroes and heroines who counted not their own lives dear to them, when they sought the New England shores, not as the flying nor as conquerors, but, steadfast in faith and love, to build upon the rock of Christ, the true idea of God—the supremacy of Spirit and the nothingness of matter. When first the Pilgrims planted their feet on Plymouth Rock, frozen ritual and creed should forever have melted away in the fire of love which came down from heaven. The Pilgrims came to establish a nation in true freedom, in the rights of conscience.

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 50.

² Page 176.

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And in *Pulpit and Press*,¹ Mrs. Eddy says:

Rome's fallen fanes and silent Aventine is glory's tomb; her pomp and power lie low in dust. Our land, more favored, had its Pilgrim Fathers. On shores of solitude, at Plymouth Rock, they planted a nation's heart,—the rights of conscience, imperishable glory. No dream of avarice or ambition broke their exalted purpose, theirs was the wish to reign in hope's reality—the realm of Love.

This “nation's heart,”—typifies the great heart of Christ, upon whose shoulder, unseen by the materialist, rests the government of America triumphant. This “nation's heart” is correlated by Mrs. Eddy with her discovery of Christian Science, and recorded in the corner-stone of her church, The Mother Church in Boston, which, spiritually interpreted, is “the structure of Truth and Love,” not a material edifice or symbol. On page 144 of *Miscellaneous Writings* appear these words:

On this memorable day there are laid away . . . [the Holy Bible] your textbook, *Science and Health*

¹ Page 10.

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with Key to the Scriptures, and other works written by the same author, your teacher, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science; without pomp or pride, laid away as a sacred secret in the heart of a rock, there to typify the prophecy, "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; . . . as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land"; henceforth to whisper our Master's promise, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The 144th anniversary of American Independence, and 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, is momentous as type. It symbolizes fullness, completeness, spiritual unfoldment, *appearing*. The Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings note the spiritual signification of numbers. One hundred and forty-four represents nine times sixteen, or twelve times twelve. Sixteen symbolizes four-square. Nine represents three times three; the number three expresses completion. In speaking of her discovery of Christian Science,—and Mrs. Eddy defines

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Christian Science as the Science of Christ, or Truth,¹—she says:

My conclusions were reached by allowing the evidence of this revelation to multiply with mathematical certainty and the lesser demonstration to prove the greater, as the product of three multiplied by three, equaling nine, proves conclusively that three times three duodecillions must be nine duodecillions,—not a fraction more, not a unit less.²

The number twelve expresses infinity, oneness; twelve times twelve, therefore, expresses the fullness of fullness,—the pure, radiant effulgence of light, hitherto unperceived.

The symbolic number seven (7) was “early accounted sacred.”—*Webster*.

The Infinite is One, and this One is Spirit; Spirit is God, and this God is Infinite Good.

This simple statement of Oneness is the only possible correct version of Christian Science.³

¹ The Standard Dictionary gives the following definition of “science”: “Knowledge gained and verified by exact observation and correct thinking.”

² *Science and Health*, p. 108.

³ *Miscellany*, p. 356.

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That Mrs. Eddy saw, as did the Revelator, the number 144, pregnant with light and harmony, is shown by her conception of the lighting of the original Mother Church:

A sunburst in the center of the ceiling takes the place of chandeliers. There is a disc of cut glass . . . covering one hundred and forty-four electric lights, in the form of a star, which is twenty-one inches from point to point, the center being a pure white light, and each ray under prisms which reflect the rainbow tints.¹

Here we have the completion of the number 21, 3 times 7, leading up to the source of the light. From *Science and Health*, page 508, we read:

The third stage in the order of Christian Science is an important one to the human thought, letting in the light of spiritual understanding. This period corresponds to the resurrection, when Spirit is discerned to be the Life of all, and the deathless Life, or Mind, dependent upon no material organi-

¹ *Pulpit and Press*, p. 25.

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zation. Our Master reappeared to his students,—to their apprehension he rose from the grave,—on the third day of his ascending thought, and so presented to them the certain sense of eternal Life.

The numerals of infinity, called *seven days*, can never be reckoned according to the calendar of time. These days will appear as mortality disappears, and they will reveal eternity, newness of Life, in which all sense of error forever disappears, and thought accepts the divine, infinite calculus.¹

“The divine infinite calculus,” is summed up in Mrs. Eddy’s quotation of the twenty-third Psalm with her interpretation, as follows: “I will dwell in the house[the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.”²

Mary Baker Eddy, the feminine representative of the Motherhood of God—to human apprehension seen as a woman—will demonstrate this “glorified spiritual idea of the everpresent God,”³ and will appear “clothed with the sun [spiritual light, eternal substance] and upon her head a

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 520.

² *Ibid.*, p. 578.

³ *Message for 1902*, p. 16.

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crown of twelve stars.”¹ As Christ Jesus represented to human sense the Fatherhood of God, so at his second appearing the Motherhood of God will be apprehended. This appearing of the compound spiritual idea, the eternal man of God’s creating, is imminent.

The twelve tribes of Israel with all mortals,—separated by belief from man’s divine origin and the true idea,—will through much tribulation yield to the activities of the divine Principle of man in the harmony of Science. These are the stars in the crown of rejoicing.²

During this purifying process of yielding to the activities of Spirit, which involves mighty wrestlings with false mortal thoughts, the sealing of the “one hundred forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel,”³ is taking place.

¹ Revelation 12: 1.

² *Science and Health*, p. 562.

³ Revelation 7: 4.

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Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have *sealed* the servants of God in their foreheads.¹

This sealing, renaming, and reappearing of God's man, whom He made in His own image and likeness, spiritual and eternal, or the Christ (Truth) man, was prophesied by the Revelator after the "four angels, standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth,"² had appeared.

Spiritual definition of "Angels":

God's thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect, the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality.³

Spiritual definition of "Earth":

A sphere; a type of eternity and immortality, which are likewise without beginning or end . . . a compound idea.⁴

¹ Revelation, 7 : 3.

³ *Science and Health*, p. 581.

² *Ibid.*, 7 : 1.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 585.

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Spiritual definition of "Wind":

That which indicates the might of omnipotence and the movements of God's spiritual government, encompassing all things.¹

The sublimity, purity, spiritual beauty, and significance of this metaphysical picture with its complete type in numerals,—four times three equals twelve,—typifies the imminent revelation (through woman, known to humanity in this age as Mary Baker Eddy), points to the fulfilling of the law of Love, and the appearing of the spiritual idea,—man in God's image, whom God endowed with spiritual dominion, which will destroy forever the claim of sin, sickness, and death, and will reveal God and His perfect universe, governed by the law of eternal Mind, Life, and Love.

In an address delivered on July 4, 1897, at Pleasant View, Concord, New Hampshire,

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 597.

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before members of The Mother Church, Mrs. Eddy said:

Christian Science is not only the acme of Science, but the crown of Christianity. It is universal. . . . It is the pearl priceless, whereof our Master said, "If a man findeth, he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth it."¹

Definition of "Science":

Knowledge gained and verified by exact observation and correct thinking.²

It is nearly two thousand years since John's radiant vision of the royally crowned woman burst upon him, which is chronicled in the book of Revelation (chapter 12:1). Mrs. Eddy's spiritual discernment has recorded this fact in the following words:

Progress is spiritual. Progress is the maturing conception of divine Love; it demonstrates the scientific, sinless life of man and mortal's painless departure from matter to Spirit, not through death,

¹ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 252.

² *Standard Dictionary*.

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but through the true idea of Life,—and Life not in matter but in Mind.¹

To-day the “crown of twelve stars” adds to its radiance of eternity and Light, the “pearl priceless,” and reveals thirteen jewels. The number twelve is America’s foundation number, and the thirteenth State was added later. The twelve tribes of Israel became thirteen, through the forcing of Manasseh, —Joseph’s first born,—into the last or thirteenth place. By Jacob’s act in adopting Ephraim as the elder, Manasseh, through experience and persecution, through his resistance to autocracy and his willingness to meet and conquer, with spiritual understanding, the brutal qualities of “aggression, oppression, and pride of power,” which Ephraim possessed and exercised,—through his (Manasseh’s) obedience to the law of God, Manasseh gained the spiritual “dominion” with which God endowed man whom He

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 181.

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made in His own image and likeness. The "man-child," is the first-born to whom the Revelator refers. John saw the inseparability of the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God, expressed in the man-child, the spiritual idea or Christ,—who was to "rule all nations and peoples—imperatively, absolutely, finally—with divine Science."¹ It is interesting to recall that Mrs. Eddy speaks, in *Retrospection and Introspection*,² of the parable of the "Prodigal Son." The prodigal son symbolizes the coming of Ephraim (Great Britain) to Manasseh, who represents the fullness of the reflection of divine Love, in its more infinite meaning. This is the drawing together to the outstretched arms of divine Love, all of God's little ones, who have wrestled with and overcome, through spiritual power, belief of life, truth, intelligence, and substance in matter, which belief

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 181.

² *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 91.

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is opposed to the law of God, who is infinite Life and Love. Thus is the covenant

. . . made with Abraham . . . become an oath unto Isaac, confirmed unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.¹

Spiritual definition of "Abraham":

Fidelity; faith in the divine Life and in the eternal Principle of being.

This patriarch illustrated the purpose of Love to create trust in good, and showed the life-preserving power of spiritual understanding.²

Spiritual definition of "Children of Israel":

The representatives of Soul, not corporeal sense; the offspring of Spirit, who, having wrestled with error, sin, and sense, are governed by divine Science; some of the ideas of God beheld as men, casting out error and healing the sick; Christ's offspring.³

Spiritual definition of "Jacob":

Inspiration; the revelation of Science, in which

¹ I Chronicles 16: 16, 17.

² *Science and Health*, p. 579.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 583.

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the so-called material senses yield to the spiritual sense of Life and Love.¹

America, America, in thee is found
Manasseh's tribe, to Ephraim bound
By Israel's vow,
Whose destiny is heaven-sealed;
Far spreading vine in fruitful field,
God's planting, thou!²

I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
that thou hast hid these things from the wise
and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
—Jesus.³

Lest we forget, it is highly important to hold before us always the fact that our national childlikeness has been the cornerstone of *America triumphant*. Washington, at Valley Forge, knelt as a little child, and "talked with God," asking for divine guidance at that crucial hour. Lincoln was always guided by the same confident trust in an ever-present Father-Mother God. The utmost simplicity, spontaneous

¹ *Science and Health*, p., 589.

² *Our America*.

³ Luke 10: 21.

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childlike joy, purity, beauty of rhythm, inspired our first national expression in music, which was a little song entitled, "My Days Have Been So Wondrous Free," which was written for and dedicated to "the young, as a study for the clavecin." The composer, Francis Hopkinson, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and an active member of the Convention of 1787 which formed the Constitution of the United States. He was a close friend of Washington, to whom the first copy of the song was sent. Washington's flute now rests tenderly at Mt. Vernon on the little spinet of Nellie Custis. The song sings of the birds, trees, brooks, zephyrs, and ends with a dainty, delicate dance movement, which suggests the purest rhythm and grace. This spiritual sense of grace and rhythmic joy is at the root of all creation, and all true art expresses it. "The fruits of the spirit are love, peace, and joy." (Paul.)

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We quote the following from *The Christian Science Monitor*:

Washington, alike statesman, soldier, and patriot, stands alone. He was not only the greatest American; he was also one of the greatest men the world has ever known. Few centuries and few countries have ever seen his like. Among the people of English stock there is none to compare with him, unless perhaps Cromwell, utterly different though the latter was. Of Americans, Lincoln alone is worthy to stand even second.¹

Mrs. Eddy says:

Eternal Life must be brought to light by the understanding that there is no death, as well as by other graces of Spirit.²

To discern the rhythm of Spirit, and to be holy, thought must be purely spiritual.³

Spiritual man is a mental being, an emanation of Spirit, Mind, Life, Truth, and Love. This divine rhythm and harmony of *purely spiritual thinking* is beautifully

¹ Theodore Roosevelt.

² *Science and Health*, p. 429.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 510.

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touched upon by Mrs. Eddy in *The Great Discovery*¹:

As sweet music ripples in one's thoughts of it, like the brooklet in its meandering midst pebbles and rocks, before the mind can duly express it to the ear—so the harmony of divine Science, first broke upon my sense, before gathering experience and confidence to articulate it. Its natural manifestation is beautiful and euphonious, but its written expression increases in power and perfection under the guidance of the great Master. The divine hand led me into a new world of light and Life, a fresh universe—old to God, but new to His “little one.”

It is also helpful to know that the first expression in music of the Anglo-Saxon consciousness, through written song, “Summer is I-Cumen In,” breathed of the birds and springtime. This was written a century before Chaucer. The English language, with its marvelous vitality and structural beauty, typifies “the new tongue” of the spiritual universe. Wholly spiritual think-

¹ *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 27.

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ing will be demanded by mankind in the near future, and the demonstration and phenomenon of wholly spiritual thinking will reveal man as God's child, idea or son, and the universe as spiritual and eternal, peopled with God's perfect ideas and governed by Christ. In this spiritual universe, the language of Spirit is the "new" tongue,¹ and the "new heaven and the new earth,"² are the phenomena.

After my discovery of Christian Science, most of the knowledge I had gleaned from schoolbooks vanished like a dream. Learning was so illumined that grammar was eclipsed. Etymology was divine history, voicing the idea of God in man's origin and signification. Syntax was spiritual order and unity. Prosody, the song of angels, and no earthly or inglorious theme.³

The phenomenon of the winning of the thirteenth series of the yacht races on the twenty-seventh day of the seventh month,

¹ Mark 16: 17.

² Revelation 21: 1.

³ *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 10.

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at eight o'clock in the evening, by the American boat *Resolute*, symbolizes not only that the cup of blessing must, logically, remain with Manasseh (America), but emphasizes the fact that grace, delicacy, fleetness, spiritual alertness, expressed in beauty of conception, of form, outline, and color, are divinely triumphant qualities of spiritual leadership. The press spoke of the *Resolute* as a "bright beacon, holding true"; as "a white flier, due west, and sailing directly into the burning eye of the setting sun, glowing like a vast, incandescent orb"; and again, as a "starry banner, shining through the storm," as "a white fairy," as "the white hope, with grace of a white swan, turning around like a lilypad"; again, as "a great White Bird . . . she seemed to fly—to run home like a living thing, with the rosy sun's light, suggesting a rainbow." These excerpts are from the *Sun* and *New York Herald* and the *New York Tribune*.

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These concepts of the *Resolute* are of beautiful significance, and correlate the tender types which Jesus used in his parables to illustrate his mighty truths. For instance, the lilies of the field, the tiny mustard seed, the fowls of the air, the little fishes, the pearl of great price, the lambs, and little children. Most potent of all is the indissoluble relation, in type, to the consciousness of the first-born of Spirit, which Manasseh typifies, and the *restitution*, redemption of the blessing, through Manasseh to Joseph, which, in Jacob's far-seeing wisdom, seemed to have been denied him, until, through persecution, and demonstration of the law of brotherly, or spiritual love, he should redeem his birthright, and prove his right to rule in spiritual understanding of God's Law.

Spiritual definition of "Joseph":

Pure affection blessing its enemies.¹

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 589.

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America is the Manasseh, the first-born of Joseph, and will *redeem* his birthright.

Mrs. Eddy says:

Beloved, that which purifies the affections also strengthens them, removes fear, subdues sin, and endues with divine power; that which refines character at the same time humbles, exalts, and commands a man, and obedience gives him courage, devotion, and attainment. For this hour, for this period, for spiritual sacrament, sacrifice, and ascension, we unite in giving thanks. For the body of Christ, for the life that we commemorate and would emulate, for the bread of heaven whereof if a man eat, "he shall live forever," for the cup red with loving restitution, redemption, and inspiration we give thanks. The signet of the great heart, given to me in a little symbol, seals the covenant of everlasting love. May apostate praise return to its first love, above the symbol seize the spirit, speak the "new tongue"—and may thought soar and Soul be.¹

On July 16, 1920, *Resolute* gained her first victory.

On the evening of the fifteenth day of

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 131.

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July, 1920,—the day on which the races began—a festival of sacred and secular song was given on the deck of the United States battleship, *Tennessee*, by the Oratorio Society of the New York City Christian Science Institute. It concluded with the triumphant strains of the “Hallelujah Chorus,” (accompanied by the ship’s band) which rang out with conscious spiritual dominion over the waters. *Our America* was sung, also accompanied by the band.

America, America, on-pressing van
Of all the hopes of waking man,
We love thy flag!
Thy stately flag of steadfast stars,
And white, close held to heart-red bars,
Which none shall drag!¹

From the chorus rang out the triumphant words,

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom

¹ *Our America.*

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of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of lords. HALLELUJAH!

The following day, *Resolute* upheld America's standard. The sea has played a vital part in America's history. On July 30, 1619, was held the first meeting of the first representative assembly in America, when the Council and House of Burgesses, elected by the three colonies in Virginia, gathered in the little wooden church at Jamestown, to transact the business of the new community, with a Governor of liberal ideas. It marks the beginning of the whole legislative system. It was a new departure in "government of the people, by the people, for the people." This stone was placed in the temple of American liberty, by the small band of fighters against autocracy and despotism, a year before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. From *The Christian Science Monitor* we quote the following,

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which indicates the fraternal recognition of England (Ephraim) for America (Manasseh)—Brothers John and Jonathan:

The Women's Freedom League seems to feel that while England and America are vying with each other to do honor to the Pilgrim Fathers, too little has been said about the Pilgrim Mothers. They are, therefore, commemorating these women who sailed in the *Mayflower*, by a festival in the grounds of Lord Leverhulme's house at Hampstead, which he has lent for this purpose.

In his efforts to plant Christianity on these shores, the Norseman, Lief Ericson, in the year 1000, planted his standard in New Bedford, on the Massachusetts coast.¹

Christopher Columbus, almost five hundred years later, landed at San Salvador. Thus the discovery of America *militant*,

¹ "The Scandinavians, after having colonized Iceland in 875 A.D. and Greenland in 983, had by the year 1000 discovered America as far down as 41 degrees 30 minutes north latitude, a point near to New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts."—Chambers's *Encyclopedia*.

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under spiritual law and order, remained Anglo-Saxon.

Thus has the great heart of Love,—the Motherhood of God,—ever brooded over and protected the destiny of this nation, America.

The bird of hope is singing
A lightsome lay, a cooing call,
And in her heart is beating
A love for all.

“’Tis peace not power I seek,
’Tis meet that man be meek.”

—MARY BAKER EDDY.¹

The *Mayflower* covenant was formulated by the second little flock of fighters for “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,” on disturbed waters, which reflected the conflict aboard. The record states, that the

. . . day before we came to harbor, observing some not well affected to unitie and concord, but

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 341.

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gave some appearance of faction, it was thought good that there should be an association and agreement that we should combine together in one body.

The *covenant* is then stated to be “undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith.”

In metaphor, the *dry land* illustrates the absolute formations instituted by Mind, while *water* symbolizes the elements of Mind.¹

When the “elements of Mind,” or the true concord of unity of purpose and right thinking, was established by the little band of Pilgrims, and discord was eliminated, the “*dry land*,” or spiritual reality—“the absolute formations instituted by Mind”—the rock of spiritual understanding (America) appeared.

Mrs. Eddy defines the true United States of America, a people united in the demonstration of truth, justice, righteousness, and liberty when she speaks of the

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 507.

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. . . children of one common Parent,—wherein and whereby Father, Mother, and child are the divine Principle and divine idea, even the divine “Us,” —one in good and good in One.¹

This divine “Us”—or trinity of numbers—has its highest expression in the reverse of our Seal, the “All-Seeing Eye,” which is intentionally enclosed in a triangle, at the apex of the pyramid. This symbol expresses the conviction of the founders of America, that God knew the hour for the revelation of the capstone, which is His glory,—man in His image and likeness. This phenomenon, this pyramid or capstone, appears on First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, corner of 96th Street and Central Park West. It is the first-born branch church of The Mother Church, Mrs. Eddy’s Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, and was built

¹ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 18.

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by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., a student of Mrs. Eddy.

Spiritual definition of "Church":

The structure of Truth and Love.¹

Mrs. Eddy wrote to Mrs. Stetson as follows:

. . . I entrust you with another momentous move namely Our memorial of Christian Science, that the ages will look upon and be lifted up.²

(Facsimile letter from *Vital Issues in Christian Science*, p. 375.²)

Mrs. Eddy entrusted her student, Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., with a "momentous move" when the "our memorial of Christian Science" was erected in 1899, and externalized in Concord granite with the following inscription:

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 583.

² Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

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THE REVEREND

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

AND AUTHOR

OF ITS TEXT BOOK

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WITH KEY TO THE

SCRIPTURES

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and with the following letter from Mrs. Eddy, laid in the corner-stone:

PLEASANT VIEW, CONCORD, N. H.

To Mrs. A. E. STETSON:

Beneath this corner-stone, in this silent, sacred sanctuary of earth's sweet songs, pæans of praise and records of Omnipotence, I leave my name with thine in unity and love.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

November 30, 1899.

The structure, or edifice, costing one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and paid for as soon as completed, was indeed a "momentous move" with which to entrust one student, who was to erect this "memorial" without the aid of any but herself and her own students.

It is the only church in the world in which Mrs. Eddy has placed her name in a corner-stone with a student. This is a well-known and established fact in

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Christian Science history. In a letter, sent to Mrs. Stetson's church, by Mrs. Eddy, on the occasion of the dedication of the church, November 29, 1903, America's foundation, in type, is touched upon in these words:

In this lofty temple, dedicated to God and humanity, may the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled: "Fear not; I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." Within its sacred walls may song and sermon generate only that which Christianity writes in broad facts over great continents—sermons that fell forests and remove mountains, songs of joy and gladness. . . . The tender memorial engraven on your grand edifice stands for human self lost in divine light, melted into the radiance of His likeness. It stands for meekness and might, for Truth as attested by the Founder of your denomination and emblazoned on the fair escutcheon of your church.¹

The builder of this "tender memorial," Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., bought the

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 193.

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“pearl priceless,” and obtained the “crown of Christianity.”

Buyeth it! Note the scope of that saying, even that Christianity is not merely a gift, as St. Paul avers, but is bought with a price, a great price; and what man knoweth as did our Master its value, and the price he paid for it?¹

Augusta E. Stetson “paid for it” in bearing the cross and drinking the cup of which Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy drank to gain their spiritual dominion and crown of immortality.

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.²

The obtaining of this prize is the result of the struggle for the Mind of Christ—the striving to bring every thought into obed-

¹ *Miscellaneous Writings*, “Fourth of July Address,” p. 253.

² I Corinthians 9: 24.

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ience to Truth. This strife and victory reveal the immortality, vision, strength, and capacity to soar, which the eagle, on our national Seal, typifies.

America, America, thy seer-graved seal
Foretells the perfect Commonweal
Of God-made men;
Its eagle with unwearied wings
Is symbol of the thought-seen things
Of prophets' ken.¹

The reason for the adoption of the eagle as the obverse of the Seal, can be found throughout the Bible. On Mount Sinai, Moses prophesied the revealing of America triumphant, and the eagle as its symbol.

And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying: Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if

¹ *Our America.*

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ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.¹

John, the Revelator, speaks of the woman, to whom was given "two wings of a great eagle"² typifying America among the nations and also the spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.

The "tender memorial," First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, also typifies, at this hour, the spiritual ark which "went upon the face of the waters," and which the waters "bare up."³ Spiritual definition of "Ark":

Safety; the idea or reflection of Truth, proved to be as immortal as its Principle. . . God and man co-existent and eternal.⁴

¹ Exodus 19: 3-6.

² Revelation 12: 14.

³ Genesis 7: 17, 18.

⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 581.

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The most striking type regarding this edifice is the obelisk, with the capstone, a pyramid in form. Thus this church symbolizes *man*. It is a "memorial of Christian Science, that the ages will look upon and be lifted up." (Mary Baker Eddy.) Christ, at His first appearing, said:

And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto me.¹

This "memorial of Christian Science, that the ages will look upon and be lifted up" as thought is spiritualized, was built by Mary Baker Eddy, Augusta E. Stetson, and her students. It declares that man is spiritual. At Christ's second appearing, as compound idea, reflecting Life and Love, the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God, the nations will be "lifted up." They will "look upon" this "memorial" and "be lifted" above matter, above material type

¹ John 12: 32.

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and symbol, to God, man, and the spiritual universe.

Over the great organ in this church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, is the "triumphal arch of Truth and Love,"¹ whose sixteen words,

GOD IS LOVE AND HE THAT DWELLETH IN LOVE
DWELLETH IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM.²

with the word "LOVE" at the keystone of the arch—typify the city foursquare.

This city of our God has no need of sun or satellite, for Love is the light of it, and divine Mind is its own interpreter.³

Thus "Love . . . designates, and leads the way,"⁴ to the ark of the new "covenant," the "church of the first-born, written in heaven,"⁵ whose "bow of promise" indi-

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 40.

⁵ Hebrews 12: 23.

² I John 4: 16.

³ *Science and Health*, p. 577.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 454.

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cates that idea is "as immortal as its Principle."¹

Just here it is interesting to note, that the editorial on "Our Fathers' Flag," which inspired this article, touches upon certain astronomical facts which are of deep and significant interest. When the signers of the Declaration of Independence sat in Independence Hall, they looked out upon an astronomical observatory, a small platform of wood. They were constantly protesting against old world astronomical literature, as all new discoveries were named in honor of kings and autocratic dignitaries.

David Rittenhouse, of Dutch origin (the first American astronomer) was a patriot,—a man versed in science, and proclaimed by Jefferson as the first in genius. Rittenhouse made all his astronomical discoveries from the little wooden platform. The Declara-

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 581.

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tion of Independence was read from this wooden observatory in Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and also all the thirteen colony flags on June 15, 1777, with the new Stars and Stripes above all of them, were raised from the same platform.

In the dedicatory address, which was delivered by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson at the dedication of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, on November 29, 1903, are found these pregnant words in connection with the footsteps which unfolded this church:

As we look back to the little hall, where I preached my first sermon in New York City to an audience of about twenty, and recall the pine table upon which was an improvised desk made of a dry-goods box, and covered with red cambric, we gratefully acknowledge the guidance of divine Love, which supplied us with strength and courage in hours of trial, necessity, persecution, fear, and discouragement; which led us outward, onward, up-

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ward—ever shielding us, and furnishing us “a table in the wilderness”; causing waste places to bud and blossom as the rose, until we have been brought into this “house exceeding magnificent,” into this sanctuary which God’s hands have established.

These words appear on page 144 of *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*¹ by Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D.

The true Declaration of Independence, or spiritual emancipation, was “signed and sealed,” its clarion call was sounded,—its effulgent light was revealed in New York City, from this little dry-goods box—the *spiritual* astronomical observatory, and the spiritual understanding, or standard of demonstrable Christian Science, then and there raised, has never been lowered. The editorial heretofore mentioned states, that notwithstanding the European insistence upon the heraldically incorrect conception of our flag,

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. . . nevertheless the banner of the stars and stripes is a correct conception, according to history, and a true prophecy of that which is to come. It was made in conformity with exact science, real events, and deliberate conviction and choice. It is life, not theory. Its stripes record the past, its stars point to the future.

The spiritual conception and divine unfoldment of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, represents the operation of the law of Love, and the demonstration of "exact science,"—true Christian Science, as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, and taught and demonstrated by Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D.

On January 16, 1909, Mrs. Eddy wrote the following letter:

When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries, and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other. . . .

Spirit is infinite, therefore *Spirit is all*. "There is

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no matter" is not only the axiom of true Christian Science, but it is the only basis upon which this Science can be demonstrated.¹

The instant obedience and compliance with this request, to begin to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation," to strive more earnestly to attain a higher understanding, which will reveal the Church Triumphant, where "Spirit is infinite, therefore *Spirit is all*,"—re-sealed and made eternally invulnerable the "covenant" made with Abraham.² It has become an "oath unto Isaac," and to-day the "covenant" is confirmed "unto Jacob² for a law, and to Israel² for an everlasting covenant."³

It is significant that our Seal is without supporters. According to its designer, "God is our support."

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 357.

² See definitions of Abraham, Children of Israel and Jacob, p. 21.

³ I Chronicles 16: 17.

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The Science of being gives back the lost likeness and power of God as the seal of man's adoption.¹

This Truth is the rock which the builders rejected; but "the same has become the head of the corner." This is the chief corner-stone, the basis and support of creation, the interpreter of one God, and infinity and unity of good.²

The stamp and Seal of our coinage is "In God We Trust." Mrs. Eddy's last words spoken at Pleasant View to her Church members assembled there, were:

I would present a gift to you to-day, only that this gift is already yours. God hath given it to all mankind. It is His coin, His currency; it has His image and superscription. This gift is a passage of Scripture; it is my sacred motto, and it reads thus: "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." . . . *Trust in Truth, and have no other trusts.*³

She concludes by quoting the prophecy of Isaiah:

¹ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 184.

² *No and Yes*, p. 38.

³ *Miscellany*, p. 170.

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And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.¹

And from *No and Yes*,² let us continue to quote Mrs. Eddy:

The question now at issue is; Shall we have a practical, spiritual Christianity, with its healing power, or shall we have material medicine and superficial religion? The advancing hope of the race, craving health and holiness, halts for a reply; and the reappearing Christ, whose life-giving understanding Christian Science imparts, must answer the constant inquiry: "Art thou he that should come?" Woman should not be ordered to the rear, or laid on the rack, for joining the overture of angels. Theologians descant pleasantly upon free moral agency; but they should begin by admitting individual rights.

The author's ancestors were among the first settlers of New Hampshire. They reared there the Puritan standard of undefiled religion. As dutiful descendants of Puritans, let us lift their standard higher, rejoicing, as Paul did, that we are *free born*.

¹ Isaiah 35: 10.

² Page 46.

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Mary Baker Eddy's platform—or standard—

Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*. "There is no matter,"¹

has been accepted and will be demonstrated, by all who follow and obey the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy. As she comes forth, representing the compound, ideal man of God's creating, those who have risen with her, through spiritualization of thought and demonstration of Truth and Love, will stand on the Horeb height of divine, omnipotent Love, singing the song of the redeemed, and the "pæans of praise"² which Mary Baker Eddy has foretold.

Washington, at Valley Forge, had a vivid illumination which remained long with him, of woman's prophetic vision and great

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 357.

² *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*, facing page 34.

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mission. As Mary Baker Eddy's inspired thought was leavening universal consciousness, it found expression, at that stage of spiritual unfoldment, in the campaign song of 1864, "We're Coming, Father Abraham, Three Hundred Thousand Strong." The Revelator saw the "woman clothed with the sun"; heard a

. . . new song . . . the voice of many angels round about the throne . . . and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."¹

Mary Baker Eddy sings the final and crowning song of victory and rejoicing, in *Science and Health*:

For victory over a single sin, we give thanks, and magnify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of

¹ Revelation 5: 12.

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the mighty conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain.¹

At this one hundred and forty-fourth anniversary of American independence, all signers of the spiritual Declaration of Independence—"an hundred forty and four thousand, having his [their] Father's name written in their foreheads,"²—will stand on Mount Zion with Christ at his second appearing, and will be heard singing the "new song before the throne." Its harmonies are voiced by the people of God, in song and sermon, throughout the universe.

The "fixed star" in the spiritual astronomical heavens is bringing the "wise men"

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 568.

² Revelation 14: 1.

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to the "city which hath foundations,"
Mount Zion,

having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had *twelve* gates, and at the gates *twelve* angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.¹

The completeness of this symbolic vision is clearly seen.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come.²

I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.³

O blessings infinite!
O glad New Year!
Sweet sign and substance
Of God's presence here.

¹ Revelation 21: 12.

² *Ibid.*, 22: 17.

³ *Ibid.*, 22: 16.

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Give us not only angels' songs,
But Science vast, to which belongs
The tongue of angels
And the song of songs.¹

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The last appearing of Truth will be a wholly spiritual idea of God and man, without the fetters of the flesh, or corporeality. This infinite idea of infinity will be, is, as eternal as its divine Principle. The day star of this appearing is the light of Christian Science—the Science which rends the veil of the flesh from top to bottom. The light of this revelation leaves nothing that is material; neither darkness, doubt, disease nor death. The material corporeality disappears; and individual spirituality, perfect and eternal, appears,—never to disappear.²

To-day the watchful shepherd shouts his **welcome** over the new cradle of an old truth. This truth has traversed night, through gloom to glory, from cradle to crown. To the awakened consciousness, the Bethlehem babe has left his swaddling-clothes (material environments) for the form and comeliness of the divine ideal, which has passed from a corporeal to the spiritual sense of Christ, and is winning the heart of humanity with ineffable

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 354.

² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 165.

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tenderness. The Christ is speaking for himself and for his mother, Christ's heavenly origin and aim. To-day the Christ is, more than ever before, "the way, the truth and the life,"—"which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," healing all sorrow, sickness and sin. . . . At this immortal hour, all human hate, pride, greed, lust, should bow, and declare Christ's power, and the reign of Truth and Life divine should make man's being pure and blest.¹

Mrs. Eddy was asked, who would be her successor? Her reply was,

What remains to lead on the centuries and reveal my successor, is man in the image and likeness of the Father-Mother God.²

This "man" has already been revealed in Christian Science. The Christian Scientists, who have attained the spiritual understanding and vision, which the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, if obeyed and demonstrated, impart, know that the Christ,

¹ *Miscellany*, p. 257.

² *Ibid.*, p. 347.

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at his *second* appearing, in the image and likeness of God, will *succeed* the human Mary, just as the Christ, at his *first* appearing, *succeeded* the human Jesus.

Christ at his *first* appearing was not long visible to his disciples, whose spiritual vision was not equal to *retaining* their great Teacher. Christ, the real "man," declared,

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.¹

A Christian Scientist, who is building on a "wholly spiritual foundation" (Mary Baker Eddy), will gain the spiritual vision, which will reveal the risen Christ, at his *second* triumph over the false *material sense* of "man," the first demonstration having been made over the Adam belief-man. The

¹ John 14: 2, 3.

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second appearing of Christ will destroy the belief of life and intelligence in so-called material woman, and the real "man," the compound idea, reflecting the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God, will appear,—the perfect image of a perfect Principle, Mind, Spirit, God.

Thus Christ's great and final victory will be made over the "dragon"—the belief of a *material* man and a *material* woman, who claim to be creators, the result of which false claim is a mortal man and a material universe, expressed in sin, sickness, and death. This dream-man and dream-universe, evil calls God's creation.

The real "man"—the Christ, reflects the creative Principle of Being, Life, and Love.

The Truth-man is the "man" of God's creating. This "man" is revealed to the spiritual sense of the Christian Scientists, and "unto them that look for him [through spiritual sense] shall he appear the *second*

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time without sin,"¹ without a material, fleshly embodiment, but with a *spiritual* "image" in the likeness of God, perfect and immortal, God's glorified substance man.

This "man," who is to *succeed* Mrs. Eddy, Christian Science *reveals* to the Christian Scientists, who are building on a "wholly spiritual foundation" in response to Mrs. Eddy's letter to her "dear brethren in New York."²

Spiritual sense reveals this "man" and interprets Mrs. Eddy's teaching of the "Christ-spirit which governed the corporeal Jesus,"³ the masculine representative of the Fatherhood of God.

It was the Christ-spirit which governed Mary Baker Eddy, the feminine representative of God's Motherhood.

When the human material sense called Jesus, and the human material sense called

¹ Hebrews 9: 28.

² *Miscellany*, p. 357.

³ *Science and Health*, p. 141.

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Mary Baker Eddy, is *dissolved* by God's "man," Christ, the ideal man of God's creating, then Mrs. Eddy's words, which are as follows, will be understood by the spiritual builders in Christian Science, who are rising with Christ, and who will recognize and reign with him. Of this man, Mrs. Eddy says:

For this Principle there is no dynasty, no ecclesiastical monopoly. Its only crowned head is immortal sovereignty. Its only priest is the spiritualized man.¹

The *material* senses can not grasp this spiritual fact of Scientific Being. To spiritual sense, the coming of Christ is imminent.

Paul, through having suffered out of the material senses, having carried the cross and drunk the cup of the Master Metaphysician, understood that he would behold the "man," Christ, at his *second* and *final* appearing,

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 141.

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and he left this legacy of hope, to all who suffer with Christ, that they may reign with him.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear [be manifest] then shall ye also appear [be manifest] with him in glory.¹

Spiritual vision illumined Mrs. Eddy when she, the scribe of Spirit, chronicled her vision in the following words.

The chaos of mortal mind is made the stepping-stone to the cosmos of immortal Mind.²

The "chaos of mortal mind" indeed seems to have reached its limit of "confusion worse confounded," and portends the self-destruction of evil—viz., material sense, material organization, material government, and finally material generation. Verily, the belief and claim of a power opposed to Life, Truth, and Love, is fast reaching its acme of self-annihilation.

¹ Colossians 3: 4.

² *Unity of Good*, p. 56.

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The "man," Christ, who was the "successor" of the human Jesus, will be the "successor" of the human Mary. Thus will God establish or reveal His dominion, through His son, or the Christ-man, the divine man of His creating, the compound idea who reflects the Fatherhood and Motherhood, the Life and Love, the Principle of all real, eternal being, the one God. Christ is the head of the body.

So-called material history, material law, and material government, is fast drawing to a close. Man is God's image and likeness. Christ, the executor of God's law, is fulfilling the Scripture.

Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, . . . And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the Lord shall be performed against Babylon.¹

. . . the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,

¹ Jeremiah 51: 27, 29.

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The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment, and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.¹

Let me conclude with the words of the Pilgrim Fathers, as they put in writing their pledge to one another, before they left the *Mayflower* and stepped upon the shores of the land where they were to establish the worship of one God, obedience to whose law of Truth and Love would result in "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness." These are their immortal words: "In the name of God, Amen."

Brave Britain, blest America!

Unite your battle-plan;

Victorious, all who live it,—

The love for God and man.²

—MARY BAKER EDDY.

¹ Isaiah 9:6, 7.

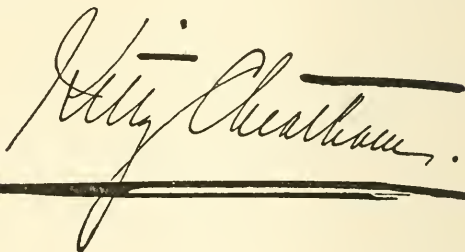
² *Miscellany*, p. 338.

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America, America, the God of love
Whose name is ev'ry name above,
Is thy defence.

'Tis thou must lead the longing world
From phantom fears to Love's unfurl'd
Omnipotence.¹

¹ *Our America.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm. Channing.", is written over a thick horizontal line. There are two short horizontal strokes above the signature, one under the "W" and one under "Channing".

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